(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and what steps have been taken by Government to bring home the facts to Amnesty International?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Amnesty International has, from time to time, been referring to the Ministry of Home Affairs, allegations of human rights violations in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. In these reports, allegations of a sweeping and generalised nature are frequently made which are found to be exaggerated and grossly distorted.

The large and complex problem of terrorism being faced by India, with support from across the border, is a well known fact. Organised terrorism has been consistently recognised in recent times as an activity aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedom and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States, in various fora. However, it is often noticed that reports of some Human Rights Organisations like Amnesty International for reasons not known, underplay such large scale organised terrorism and do not bring out adequately the dimension of atrocities being perpetrated by militants and terrorists. Government has, from time to time, conveyed regrets to these Human Rights Organisations in relation to reports and mentions on India containing inaccurate or distorted facts and to their tendency to gloss over the violations of human rights by terrorists through depredations perpetreted by them on innocent civilians.

Visit of Jails by NHRC

458. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission visited some of the jails in the country and found them filthy, dirty and unfit for lodging human beings therein; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission visited some of the Jails during the course of its visits to the State of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. One of the Members of the Commission visited Tihar Jail. The Commission has held discussions with the Chief Ministers|Officials of the States visited about the conditions in the Jails etc. However, no specific reports have been made by the Commission.

ISI activists|Bangladeshi infiltrators in Uttar Pradesh

459. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI activities are on the increase particularly in Western Uttar Pradesh and the situation has come to such a pass where even women of doubtful entity have Government employment in schools in Uttar Pradesh on bogus documents:

(b) whether a large number of Bangladeshi infiltrators have been nabbed in NOIDA recently; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to identify the ISI activists and Bangladeshi infiltrators in Uttar Pradesh and to book them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Government is not aware of any increase in the activities of Pak ISI in